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September Crop Production

North Dakota

Soybean production is forecast at 139 million bushels, up 6 percent from the August forecast and 20 percent from last year, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. If realized, this will surpass 2006's record high production of 122 million bushels. Yields are expected to average a record high 37.0 bushels per harvested acre, up 2.0 bushels from August and 7.0 bushels from 2009. Area to be harvested is estimated at 3.76 million acres, down from a record high 3.87 million acres harvested last year.

Corn for grain production is forecast at 255 million bushels, unchanged from the August forecast but up 27 percent from last year. Corn for grain yields are expected to average a record high 140 bushels per harvested acre, unchanged from August but up 25 bushels from last year. The previous record high yield was 129 bushels set in 2005. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.82 million acres, up 5 percent from 2009's harvested acres.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 6.08 million tons, up 3 percent from the August forecast and 27 percent above last year. The average yield per harvested acre is expected to be a record high 28.0 tons, up 1.0 ton from August and 6.0 tons from last year. Area to be harvested is estimated at 217,000 acres, down from 218,000 acres harvested in 2009.

United States

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.48 billion bushels, up 1 percent from August and 4 percent above last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 44.7 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from both last month and last year. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 78.0 million acres, unchanged from June but up 2 percent from 2009.

Corn production is forecast at a record 13.2 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the August forecast, but up from the previous record of 13.1 billion bushels set in 2009. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 162.5 bushels per acre, down 2.5 bushels from the previous month and 2.2 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 33.1 million tons, up 2 percent from the August 1 forecast and 12 percent above 2009. Producers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, down 2,500 acres from the August 1 forecast and down 5,100 acres from 2009. Expected yield is forecast at 28.9 tons per acre, an increase of 0.6 ton from the previous forecast and 3.2 tons from last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield for the U.S.

Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested
North Dakota and United States, 2009 and Forecasted September 1, 2010 ¹

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Barley	1,210	850	1,130	790	3,567	2,972	3,113	2,546
Corn for Grain ²	1,950	2,050	1,740	1,820	86,482	87,872	79,590	81,005
Corn for Silage			170				5,605	
Hay, All			2,960	2,700			59,755	59,656
Alfalfa			1,780	1,600			21,227	20,732
All Other			1,180	1,100			38,528	38,924
Oats	350	270	165	130	3,404	3,176	1,379	1,315
Rye ³					1,241	1,186	252	250
Wheat, All	8,680	8,840	8,415	8,620	59,133	54,305	49,868	48,263
Winter	580	340	545	320	43,311	37,723	34,485	32,085
Durum	1,650	1,800	1,570	1,750	2,554	2,675	2,428	2,588
Spring	6,450	6,700	6,300	6,550	13,268	13,907	12,955	13,590
Canola	730	1,350	725	1,330	827.0	1,523.7	814.0	1,491.7
Flaxseed	295	390	293	385	317	410	314	405
Mustard Seed ³					51.5	52.0	49.8	49.1
Safflower ⁴		23.0		21.5	175.0	183.5	165.5	175.0
Soybeans	3,900	3,800	3,870	3,760	77,451	78,868	76,372	77,986
Sunflower, All	885	865	868	843	2,030.0	2,093.0	1,953.5	2,011.3
Oil	770	700	760	685	1,698.0	1,652.0	1,653.0	1,596.5
Non-oil	115	165	108	158	332.0	441.0	300.5	414.8
Sugarbeets	225	228	218	217	1,185.8	1,186.5	1,148.6	1,143.5
Dry Edible Beans, All	610.0	700.0	580.0	670.0	1,537.5	1,778.0	1,463.0	1,707.8
Navy	86.0	109.0	82.0		194.9	250.3	186.5	
Great Northern	8.0	7.7	7.2		53.9	82.3	48.3	
Pinto	439.0	472.0	419.0		690.3	774.8	654.6	
Dark Red Kidney	1.5	1.4	1.2		50.5	47.9	47.3	
Pink	11.0	11.3	10.9		27.6	30.9	27.0	
Small Red	2.5	1.4	2.3		35.1	22.7	34.3	
Black	46.0	86.0	43.0		187.4	264.2	179.3	
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo)	13.2	10.5	11.8		96.0	138.4	93.9	
Small	9.0	2.8	8.3		22.5	24.6	21.7	
Large	4.2	7.7	3.5		73.5	113.8	72.2	
Other	2.8	0.7	2.6		201.8	166.5	191.8	
Dry Edible Peas	490	490	480	480	863.3	869.0	837.9	842.9
Lentils	165	240	164	235	415	655	407	639
Fall Potatoes, All	83.0	90.0	75.0	84.0	936.7	896.1	917.2	882.3

¹ Data are latest estimates available. ² Area planted for all purposes. ³ Published at U.S. level only. ⁴ Beginning in 2010, ND published individually.

Crop Summary: Yield and Production
North Dakota and United States, 2009 and Forecasted September 1, 2010 ¹

Crop	Unit	North Dakota					United States				
		Yield			Production		Yield			Production	
		2009	2010		2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
			Aug 1	Sept 1				Aug 1	Sept 1		
					<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>				<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Barley ²	<i>Bu</i>	70.0	65.0	65.0	79,100	51,350	73.0	72.3	72.3	227,323	184,032
Corn for Grain	<i>Bu</i>	115	140	140	200,100	254,800	164.7	165.0	162.5	13,110,062	13,159,700
Corn for Silage	<i>Tons</i>	12.0			2,040		19.3			108,209	
Hay, All ²	<i>Tons</i>	1.77	2.06	2.06	5,240	5,550	2.47	2.58	2.58	147,442	153,894
Alfalfa ²	<i>Tons</i>	1.85	2.30	2.30	3,293	3,680	3.35	3.49	3.49	71,030	72,455
All Other ²	<i>Tons</i>	1.65	1.70	1.70	1,947	1,870	1.98	2.09	2.09	76,412	81,439
Oats ²	<i>Bu</i>	68.0	70.0	70.0	11,220	9,100	67.5	66.3	66.3	93,081	87,239
Rye ³	<i>Bu</i>						27.8			6,993	
Wheat, All ²	<i>Bu</i>	44.8	44.7	44.7	377,190	385,720	44.4	46.9	46.9	2,216,171	2,264,928
Winter ²	<i>Bu</i>	48.0	56.0	56.0	26,160	17,920	44.2	47.5	47.5	1,522,718	1,522,902
Durum ²	<i>Bu</i>	39.0	38.0	38.0	61,230	66,500	44.9	42.0	42.0	109,042	108,781
Spring ²	<i>Bu</i>	46.0	46.0	46.0	289,800	301,300	45.1	46.6	46.6	584,411	633,245
Canola	<i>Lbs</i>	1,840			1,334,000		1,811			1,474,130	
Flaxseed	<i>Bu</i>	24.0			7,032		23.6			7,423	
Mustard Seed ³	<i>Lbs</i>						991			49,364	
Safflower ⁴	<i>Lbs</i>						1,462			241,970	
Soybeans	<i>Bu</i>	30.0	35.0	37.0	116,100	139,120	44.0	44.0	44.7	3,359,011	3,482,899
Sunflower, All	<i>Lbs</i>	1,518			1,317,200		1,554			3,036,460	
Oil	<i>Lbs</i>	1,520			1,155,200		1,563			2,584,010	
Non-oil	<i>Lbs</i>	1,500			162,000		1,506			452,450	
Sugarbeets	<i>Tons</i>	22.0	27.0	28.0	4,796	6,076	25.7	28.3	28.9	29,563	33,060
Dry Edible Beans, All ^{2 5}	<i>Cwt</i>	1,470	1,570	1,570	8,526	10,519	1,733	1,798	1,798	25,360	30,700
Navy ⁵	<i>Cwt</i>	1,540			1,263		1,787			3,332	
Great Northern ⁵	<i>Cwt</i>	1,570			113		2,068			999	
Pinto ⁵	<i>Cwt</i>	1,460			6,106		1,667			10,914	
Dark Red Kidney ⁵	<i>Cwt</i>	1,580			19		1,797			850	
Pink ⁵	<i>Cwt</i>	1,380			150		1,841			497	
Small Red ⁵	<i>Cwt</i>	1,520			35		2,050			703	
Black ⁵	<i>Cwt</i>	1,420			610		1,679			3,010	
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo) ⁵	<i>Cwt</i>	1,640			194		1,538			1,444	
Small ⁵	<i>Cwt</i>	1,600			133		1,378			299	
Large ⁵	<i>Cwt</i>	1,740			61		1,586			1,145	
Other ⁵	<i>Cwt</i>	1,380			36		1,883			3,611	
Dry Edible Peas ⁵	<i>Cwt</i>	2,400			11,520		2,045			17,137	
Lentils ⁵	<i>Cwt</i>	1,560			2,558		1,440			5,859	
Fall Potatoes, All	<i>Cwt</i>	255			19,125		429			393,544	

¹ Data are latest estimates available. ² No forecast made September 1, estimates carried forward from August. ³ Published at U.S. level only. ⁴ Beginning in 2010, ND published individually. ⁵ Yield in pounds.